

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A small form factor disk drive for use in an appliance, which disk drive comprises:

a connector side, a removal side, and a lateral side; and

a gripping mechanism affixed to a lateral side of the disk drive;

wherein a portion of the gripping mechanism extends beyond the removal side;

and

wherein the gripping mechanism is affixed to cover substantially all of the lateral side.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The small form factor disk drive of claim 1 wherein the portion is a pull tab that will not break when ~~is strong enough so that it may be gripped to extract~~ the small form factor disk drive is pulled from the appliance.

Claim 4 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 3 wherein the pull tab is thin enough not to interfere with normal operation of the appliance.

Claim 5 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 4 wherein the pull tab is flexible enough to be folded by a door of the appliance when it is inserted therein.

Claim 6 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 5 wherein the pull tab is resilient that it resumes its shape after the door is opened.

Claim 7 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 1 wherein the gripping mechanism is affixed with an adhesive.

Claim 8 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 1 wherein the gripping mechanism is about 0.025 mm thick.

Claim 9 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 3 wherein the pull tab includes protuberances.

Claim 10 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 3 wherein a surface of the pull tab has high friction.